

EHB 2070 - S AMD to S COMM AMD (JUD S-3079.1/07) **430**
By Senators Kline, Benton and Hargrove

ADOPTED 4/10/2007

1 On page 2, after line 26 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The task force on sentencing of
3 persistent offenders is hereby created for the purpose of conducting a
4 review of the crimes considered a most serious offense. The objectives
5 of the task force are to:

6 (a) Examine existing evidence concerning the types of offenses
7 committed by individuals convicted only of the crimes of assault in the
8 second degree and robbery in the second degree and sentenced to life in
9 prison as a persistent offender;

10 (b) Evaluate whether the inclusion of assault in the second degree
11 and robbery in the second degree as crimes classified as most serious
12 offenses has resulted in disproportionate sentencing of individuals;
13 and

14 (c) Assess the objectives of the three-strikes law and evaluate
15 whether the crimes of assault in the second degree and robbery in the
16 second degree should continue to be classified as most serious
17 offenses.

18 (2) The task force shall be composed of:

19 (a) One member of each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,
20 appointed by the president of the senate;

21 (b) One member of each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
22 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
23 representatives;

24 (c) One police chief appointed by the Washington association of
25 sheriffs and police chiefs;

26 (d) One representative of the Washington association of criminal
27 defense lawyers;

28 (e) One representative of the Washington association of prosecuting
29 attorneys; and

30 (f) One representative of the Washington coalition of crime victim
31 advocates.

1 (3) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
2 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
3 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
4 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
5 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

6 (4) The task force shall make a report, together with any
7 recommendations, to the legislature not later than December 31, 2007.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this act expires June 30,
9 2008."

10 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
11 references accordingly.

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16 On page 3, line 1 of the title amendment, after "sentences;" strike
17 the remainder of the title amendment and insert "amending RCW
18 9.94A.537; creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and
19 declaring an emergency."

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EFFECT: A task force is created to evaluate the inclusion of
assault in the second degree and robbery in the second degree
within the list of crimes considered most serious offenses and
whether these crimes should continue to be classified as most
serious offenses for purposes of the "Three-Strikes" law.